A plaine and easie waye to remedie a Horse that is foundered in his feete.

By which (vsing this remedy within xviii. houres after his instant foundering) you maye within xxiiii. houres after the Cure vsed, trauaile your Horse and iourney him at your pleasure, as if hee had not been foundered at all.

Set out by Nicholas Malby Gentleman, Seruant to the Queenes most Excellent Maiestie.

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To the right Worshipfull Maister Edward Fitzgerald Esquier, Lieuetenant of the Gentlemen Pencioners.

SIR at my late being at the court, which as I remember was about xii. moneths now past at what time I came out of Ireland, and now againe at my present being here, I haue bin requested by sundry honest gentlemen, some my good friends & old acquaintance, some other who knowing more my name then my selfe, haue repaired vnto mee with like request to instruct them in the curing of a foundered Horse, whose fauours did mooue me to promise vnto them to put the same in print. Partly to make a present thereof to all my countrymen that either be, or intend to be trauailers on horseback. Reputing it also conuenient to publish the same in common, the rather for that I iudge the poorest sort shall receaue most benefit by it. And because it is not meet that this excellent cure should want the reputation it deserueth, neither to bee accounted a vayne thing, not worthy the hauing as many bee, that being printed haue small credit, notwithstanding they carry probatum est, I do dedicate the same vnto you, both for the friendly affection I owe you, & for that you can giue good testimony of this cure, by an experience made vpon a Horse of your own, I haue caused the same to be printed, aswell to ease my selfe of the trauell I should haue to answere euery mans request, as to satisfie my friends to whome I haue made promise, and all others that are desirous to vnderstand the knowledge thereof: Which I praye you may be vnder your protection, and presented to as many as you shall please, and of the rest let the Printer make his profit. So God keepe you. From London the First of Aprill. 1576.

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Your affectionate friend, to commaund,
Nicholas Malby.

To the Reader.

AMong manye whiche diseases raigning in a hoꝛse, I haue seene that the foundering hath beene reputed the moſt difficult to bee cured. And as the Goute in a man is accounted an infirmitie incurable: ſo is the foundering in a hoꝛse (of moſt men) thought irrecouerable. I wiſh I could as well heale the one, as (by Gods ſufferance) I can giue remedy foꝛ the other. I wold as willingly preſent to you both, as I do this one, notwithſtanding accept this as it is, and refuſe it not, as ſundꝛy curious and ſcoꝛnefull Farriers haue done vnto me, who neither knowing how to remedie the diſeaſe, noꝛ willing to learne, haue reiected at my handes the vnderſtanding of the cure, & as it were in ſpite of art and cunning, cut out the ſoles of the hoꝛſes feete (a thing commouly vſed among ſuch ignoꝛant perſons) by which any hoꝛſe ſo miſvſed, ſhall neuer haue his feete ſound again, whatſoeuer they pꝛomiſe you, wheꝛeby this which I do here ſet out, neither ſhal you once remoue your hoꝛſes ſhooes, neither yet touch any part of his hooſe oꝛ feet, and yet ſhall your hoꝛſe be as ſound as euer he was. Farewell. London, firſt of Apꝛill. 1576.

The way and meane touching the ſaide Remedye.

WHen you find your hoꝛſe to be foundꝛed in his feet, which you ſhall perceiue by dꝛawing in all his four legs together, and by his ſtanding crooching as though he ſtood vppon nedles, and will

be loth to go, you must cause him to be let blood on his two best vains of his two fore legs, somwhat aboue ẏ knees, let him also blood on his spur vains on both his sides, & on the vaines of his two hinder feete, a litle aboue the hoofe, betweene the hoofe & the pastorne, as you may perceiue by this picture.

Let the vaines bleede well to the quantitye of a quart, or three pints, which bloode you must saue in some vessell, and stirre it with a stick to keepe it from cluttering, and when he hath bled as aboue-said, put it all in one vessell, then stop the wounds with some horse dung, or some earth, and make a

Chaire

Charge with the blood in this sort.

Take as much wheate Meale (as it commeth from the Mill) as will make the blood somewhat thicke, and put it into that bloode, take viii. or x. egs raw, and breake them also into this bloode, shells and all, take a pint of strong vineger, and a quantitie of bole armoniake brayed, and put them into the same blood also, which done, you shall stir them all together. Then shall you with your hand lay the said charge all along vppon the raines of the horses back, vpon his buttocks and downe his shoulders, as by this pictvre you may see.

when you haue laide on this charge thus, you shall take two linnen ragges dipped in the same Charge, with which two rags so dipped you shall garter the Horse aboue the knees of his twoo fore legges somewat hard. That done, cause him to be walked vpon the hardest ground you can find, for the spaces of two or three houres, if he be loth to go, (as comonly he will be) let one follow him and beate him with a stick or wand to force him to go. Then after this walking let him be set vp & tyed to the racke, that he lye not downe, & there let him rest two or three houres, which done, let him bee walked againe two or three houres more as afore said. Then set him vp and let him feede, and when you giue him drinke, which you maye doe within two or three houres after his feeding, let the water be heat somewhat hote, and put some grounded malt or some branne into it, and let him drink it blood warme, and feede a litle after it. Then ride him a litle, and if ye let him stand an houre or two in a poole of standing water vp to the belly, and one vppon his backe, it is good to doe it, and after that ride him againe a little. Then let him be set vp well dressed and couered, and so by litle and litle ride him a daye or two, and then maye you boldly iourney him, for it is riding that bringeth the Horse to the perfectnes of his feete, & you shall find your Horse as sound as euer he was, for this cure is infallible, I haue my selfe helped and cured aboue a hundred horses, and for sundry of them so cured by me, I haue good Testimonie of diuers Gentlemen now present at the Court.

Certaine

Certaine Notes touching this cure to be obſerued.

IT is not needfull for you to take off the horſes ſhoes, nor touch them at all, except it bee to amend them for ſome other needfull cauſe.

You muſt after xviii. houres rub off the charge from the horſes backe.

Take off the garters after xii. or xiii. houres, and rub his knees vp and downe with your hands to put the numneſſe away.

You ſhall alſo vnderſtand that I haue helped many horſes either without vineger or bole armoniake, for that I haue been in place where I could not haue it. I haue alſo vſed otem meale when I could not haue Wheate meale.

I haue alſo healed a horſe by letting him bloode in the neck, when he would not bleed in the vaines before preſcribed, and vſed and compounded the ſame blood, as aboue is written.

I doe alſo ſildome vſe the ſtanding of the horſe in a poole of water, as is before ſaide.

But if you do all as is firſt written, it is the beſt & ſureſt waye no doubt if you bee in place where you cannot attaine to all the premiſſes, you ſhall make good ſhift with part of it, & ſurely I do find that it is the taking of the blood that is the chiefe and principall cauſe of the cure.

And where I doe write alſo that you muſt take your horſe in hand (to cure him) within twentye foure houres after his firſt foundering, I thinke good to let you vnderſtand that it is beſt ſo to do, &

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yet did I once helpe a horſe of mine owne that had been foundered fiue daies, and he was very well cured, but he aſked four or fiue daies more to come to the perfectnes of his feete, then vſually the horſes doe that be taken in hand as aforeſaid.

This cure hath alſo this vertue, that your horſe being once cured, ſhall not commonlye or neuer founder againe. I neuer heard of any that ſo did but one, whiche was Sr. Edward Fitzgeraldes horſe whome he helped preſently againe with the ſame cure, and he hath the ſame horſe at this daye as ſound as euer he was.

Thus much I haue thought good to ſaye, touching the obſeruation of the cure vppon any neceſſitye, when you cannot bee in place to prouide your ſelf all ſuch things as be requiſite for the ſame.

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